



Exploring Your College Options

Dear Scholar,

The College Success Team would like to congratulate you on the progress you have made thus far in high school. This letter contains a personalized list of colleges and universities where students with similar grades have been granted admission. Your personalized college list is meant to further your college research and provide you with additional support in identifying colleges that you might consider applying to in the fall of your senior year.

Your college list includes colleges and universities that are popular for students with your grades. The 6-year graduation rate of each institution is listed to jumpstart your college research. You are absolutely not limited to applying to these colleges and we encourage you to do additional research on whether these schools are a good financial, social, and academic fit for you.

Section 1: Your Academic Profile

Unweighted GPA	UC/CSU GPA	Highest ACT Score	Highest SAT Score	CSU-Eligible?
4	4.33	34	1390	Eligible
Note: Your list is an estimate based on your highest ACT/SAT score on record and your grades as of the end of the Spring semester of your junior year. Admission is <u>not guaranteed</u> for any college and will be based on your application as a whole. If your ACT scores or GPA differ from the information above, these colleges may not be an exact match to your profile.				

Section 2: Your Recommended College Research List

Colleges and Universities

Pomona College, College Graduation Rate: 97%
Stanford University, College Graduation Rate: 94%
Amherst College, College Graduation Rate: 92%
Columbia University in the City of New York, College Graduation Rate: 91%
Swarthmore College, College Graduation Rate: 89%
Williams College, College Graduation Rate: 88%
Brown University, College Graduation Rate: 98%
Harvard University, College Graduation Rate: 97%
University of Pennsylvania, College Graduation Rate: 94%
Duke University, College Graduation Rate: 94%

University of California (UC)

University of California-Berkeley, College Graduation Rate: 82%
University of California-Los Angeles, College Graduation Rate: 84%
University of California-Merced, College Graduation Rate: 60%
University of California-Riverside, College Graduation Rate: 68%

California State University (CSU)

California State University-Long Beach, College Graduation Rate: 58%
California State University-Fresno, College Graduation Rate: 47%

Recommended to apply to 1-2 of the following local admit CSUs:

California State University-Los Angeles, California State University-Dominguez Hills, California State University-Northridge

Section 3: Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

1. **What is my college list based on?**

You were matched with these colleges based on your highest composite ACT/SAT score and GPA along with the selectivity, graduation rate, and quality of the college. The list does not take into account other fit factors you may be considering in applying to college.

UC: All UC-eligible student lists contain UC Riverside and UC Merced, along with two other UC schools that match your UC/CSU GPA and test scores.

CSU: Your student list includes 2 CSUs outside of the local area that match your UC/CSU GPA and test scores along with 2-3 additional CSUs in the local area.

Other Schools: 142 additional private and/or out-of-state colleges were considered in your college list. Of these, the colleges listed are those that best match your unweighted GPA and test scores.

2. **Do I have to apply to these schools? What if I want to apply to other schools?**

No - this college list is meant to identify schools that may be a good fit for you that you otherwise may not have considered. The schools in your list are popular choices for students with your grades, and we think you would have a good chance of getting admitted with a strong application. You are highly encouraged to explore a variety of different schools.

3. **What other factors should I consider in building my college list?**

Other factors you may want to consider when deciding where to apply are: financial fit, admissions requirements, campus location and commute, housing options, student body size and demographic, majors and minors offered, support services, social environment, and sports and activities. Consider which of these factors is most important to you when conducting research. You may also want to consider the selectivity of the different schools on your college list (including safety, strong match, and reach schools).

4. **My dream school is not on my college list?**

The college matching list is meant to give you some suggestions of schools you might want to consider given your grades and test scores. We encourage you to look at your dream school and have a conversation with your school counselor about the admission requirements and use this time to make a plan for how you can create the strongest application possible.

Section 4: Additional Resources for College Fit Research

Alliance College Fit Presentation and Resources: goo.gl/YaADBM

- Alliance presentation and worksheets on researching academic, social, and financial college fit
- College Raptor College Matching Tool: goo.gl/K7HtU3 Free college-matching tool that takes into account student financial circumstances, academic fit, and student preferences when building college lists.

Princeton Review College Search Tool: goo.gl/Zl7cDu

- Princeton Review college profile search tool that displays information on admissions requirements, academics, college finances, demographics, etc.

Big Future's Resources on College Essays: goo.gl/S7S38Q

- Resource bank on articles, examples, and testimonials on writing a college admissions personal statement

ZeeMee: <https://www.zeemee.com/>

- ZeeMee is a phone app where you can do college fit research about student life at colleges and universities